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The Revolution in Military Affairs

A Technofascist Takeover?

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The bombings in New York and Oklahoma City have focused this country's attention on terrorism, while the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus in Zaire has heightened fears of mysterious new diseases. Interestingly, these two concerns link up with The Revolution in Military Affairs, the new vogue topic among Pentagon insiders. The "RMA" (as war wonks abbreviate it) is largely the brainchild of septuagenarian Pentagon strategist Andrew Marshall and his deputy, Lt. Col Andrew Krepinevich. General John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has embraced their ideas, while tactiticians are thrashing out the details at high-level roundtables open only to the National Security elite. The revolution they are planning could change the way all Americans live — and it *will* be televised.

Everything is spelled out in "The Revolution in Military Affairs and Conflict Short of War," a key paper prepared by the Strategic Studies Institute at the US Army War College. The authors are Dr. Steven Metz, an associate research professor who specializes in "military operations other than war," and LTC James Kievit, a Strategic Research Analyst. These revolutionaries outline three basic goals: 1. The United States government will control the planet. 2. The military will control the government. 3. Computer nerds will control the military. The result, in a word, will be *technofascism*.

How to bring all this about? Through the emergent disciplines of ultra-high-tech warfare: Non-lethal weaponry, bio-war, mind control, unmanned flying vehicles of unusual new designs, and new psy-war scenarios designed to alter mass belief systems. With toys like these, military planners hope to subjugate you so stealthily you won't even know you've been conquered.

In fact, they predict you'll *welcome* these new developments, even though the Pentagon plans to complement their revamped military with an "improved" political structure. In the cyber-commando view of the-way-things-ought-to-be, no ethical, moral,

Oklahoma City:

Blasting away rumors

The Tokyo-did-it theory. The Iraqi-helper theory. The two-explosions theory. *What are the facts?*

We're not yet sure how the Oklahoma City bombing story will develop, although one thing is certain: rumors and outright fabrications will surround this incident for years to come. The most disgusting hoax, favored by the anti-Semitic right, holds that the ADL maintained offices in the bombed federal building, and that all ADL members "just happened" to be away at the time of the blast. Needless to say, this assertion simply has no basis in fact: The ADL kept no offices in that building.

Straightening out other widely-circulated reports takes a bit more work.

The hills are alive...with disinformation

Chicago-based gadfly Sherman Skolnick, who runs a dial-a-conspiracy service at (312) 731-1100, has publicized a jaw-dropping narrative which two key Michigan militia members, Norm Olson and Ray Southwell, found persuasive. The two paramilitarists faxed a précis of this theory to the press, setting

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or Constitutional restraints should constrict the rulers of post-RMA America. "National Security" will be the single constant; all else is mutable.

Authors Metz and Kievit sketch a grim portrait of global events in the near future. US policy in the post-Cold War era will doom nearly all Third World states to fragmentation, ruin and strife; "ungovernability and instability will be the norm." The American government's primary concern will be protecting US businessmen overseas. Therefore, every citizen leaving the United States will receive an electronic Individual Position Locator Device (IPLD), which will probably be permanently implanted sub-dermally. These implants would not only function as tracking devices: Metz and Kievit believe that IPLDs could provide identification and "two-way communication" between the military and civilians.

The authors fully understand that the public might resist these implants: "If a locator device could be remotely activated, how could Americans be sure that activation was only effective outside the United States?" Even more disconcertingly, Metz and Kievit concede that IPLDs could "monitor personal conversations." Arguably, the next step might well be domestic mass implantation, probably as a crime prevention measure.

These implants will be used in conjunction with another rapidly emerging technology: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, or UAVs. (This term replaces the familiar "Remotely Piloted Vehicles" [RPV].) High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAVs will communicate with IPLDs implanted in Americans. UAVs would also see usage as spy-craft, a purpose they serve at present. But perhaps Metz and Kievit's most mysterious—and intriguing — suggestion concerns the use of these unusual new aerial devices in support of US-backed foreign insurgencies: "UAVs can be used for psychological operations aimed at mobilizing support and enhancing the legitimacy of the insurgents."

The authors also foresee the Army developing "the aerial capability to broadcast and alter television signals." All in the name of anti-terrorism, of course. The basic idea is deviously clever: The military could send *fake* broadcasts, using computer-generated imagery to present real individuals in simulated situations. The same technology which brought you the dinosaurs in *Jurassic Park* can also create the spectacle of an "enemy" leader striking a woman, masturbating in public, or otherwise discrediting himself. The authors concede that this approach has a downside, should such an operation be "blown" (i.e., revealed to the public). The masses might lose their faith in the televised image, thereby "reducing the impact of one of the American politician's greatest communication tools."

The Pentagon believes its "RMA" is a beast that must wear no leash if it is to protect us.

As most people know, the military has expended much effort studying the problems posed by EMP — the electromagnetic pulse generated by nuclear explosions, which disables electronic circuitry. What most people *don't* know is that the military has managed to "bottle" the EMP effect. "Soft kill" weapons such as HERF (high energy radio frequency) guns and EMPT (electromagnetic pulse transformer) bombs will shut down radios, telephones, computers, etc. Anything goes in the war against terrorism.

Soft-kill weapons will also be used against aircraft flown by drug importers. Or rather: "*suspected* narcotraffickers" (emphasis mine). Of course, should suspicions prove incorrect, people inside the aircraft will be no less dead. Fortunately, directed-energy weapons have the advantage of plausible deniability. The authors make one point quite explicit: "...deniability must be aimed at the American people, who do not sanction the imprisonment, much less execution, of individuals without a trial."

Since, according to RMA planners, the United States will prove vulnerable to attack by foreign terrorists with domestic allies, Metz and Kievit insist on targeting "immigrant or resident alien communities" which might provide support for terrorism. One snag: American public opinion might stifle use of certain biotechnical weapons already in the works. "Most Americans would not support the use of a weapon designed to target only a specific racial or ethnic group... Could the government and the military of this multi-ethnic republic face charges that it was developing or using a weapon targeting Africans, Jews, Koreans, Hispanics, etc.?"

At this point, the Pentagon planners confront the one true obstacle to their revolution: "American values and opinion." The RMA is a beast that must wear no leash if it is to protect us. If traditional ethics stand in the way of the Pentagon's plans, we must change the ethics, not the plans. "Overcoming these constraints to make a RMA in conflict short of war would require fundamental changes in the United States — an ethical and political revolution may be necessary to make a military revolution."

Metz and Kievit foresee an overhaul of the entire political infrastructure of the United States. The military, the intelligence community, and domestic law enforcement (both federal and local) should congeal into a single unit — a national security monolith. This monolith will further

integrate itself with corporations and the courts by means of a "national information policy." Even public health should be treated as a national security issue. Interestingly, Metz and Kievit ask whether the RMA can occur "in some different type of political system not based on nation-states and traditional inter-state war."

There's more than one way to make a revolution: "Revolutionary change in our approach to conflict short of war may come about *indirectly* as we grapple with domestic problems such as crime and drugs. If our traditional notions of privacy and public security are altered to fight these battles, it is an easy step to change our attitudes toward intervention in the affairs and psyches of foreign foes."

And now we get to the nitty gritty: "Behavior modification is a key component of peace enforcement." "Information warfare systems might influence the behavior of populations..." "Proposed information warfare capabilities might be ideally suited for helping develop desired emotions, attitudes, or behavior."

Conflict short of war "is most often won or lost through the manipulation of images, beliefs, attitudes, and perceptions." "This makes *psychological* technology [italics in original] much more important than strike technology. Ways must be found to use emerging technology...to help military strategists develop, implement, and continually improve methods of influencing opinion, mobilizing public support, and sometimes demobilizing it."

"But ultimate success in applying the RMA to conflict short of war hinges on the development of psychotechnology. As this emerges, it could be tested for political acceptability by using it first in non-lethal operations other than war like humanitarian relief and nation assistance."

"Today, two RMAs may be underway simultaneously. The first (and more mature) is electronic... The second (and potentially more profound) RMA is biotechnological, including genetic engineering and advanced behavior-altering drugs. Because of the compression of time and the shortening of historical patterns, the biotechnical revolution is totally enmeshed with the electronic. It may ultimately be the combination of the two that proves truly revolutionary."

Looking ahead

Metz and Kievit predict that troops sent to the Third World will be exposed to strange, resilient new diseases; by law, returning soldiers will face long-term quarantine. Corrupt leaders of "friendly" third world countries will prove unable to stand up to either narcotraffickers or "spiritual insurgents." In short: traditional methods of projecting American might may no longer suffice. Thus, the military will embark on a course of "Dynamic Defense" — a plan to abolish the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the CIA, the NSC, and all other arms of the intelligence community. Instead, there will be just two organizations — one devoted to preventing conflict, the other devoted to containing it. The division between the military and traditional law enforcement will vanish.

To create the appropriate "attitudinal vessel" for RMA, the Dynamic Defenders will use high-tech means of "consciousness raising" in order to undo the citizenry's "old fashioned notions of personal privacy and national sovereignty." Also to be eliminated: "Old-fashioned ideas about information control and scientific inquiry." Preserving American technological advantage will be far more important than quaint notions of free information exchange. Computer hackers will be enemies.

The doctrine of national security will dictate US responses to ecological threats (even those within other nations) and "psychological threats." There should be "no distinction — legal or otherwise" drawn between problems within and outside our borders. The United States should regard its allies (Britain, France, Australia, etc.) as little more than "encumbrances." Indeed, the American military will *preemptively* disable any potential opponent with the ability to disrupt the US in any way. Metz and Kievit predict that the Dynamic Defenders may metamorphose into "the Eagle Movement," in which the military finally escapes the constitutional restrictions placing the armed forces under civilian control.

It's a scenario that should appeal to anyone who rooted for Darth Vader during *Star Wars*. Fortunately, other published RMA theorists haven't proven quite so "visionary" as the world-devouring Metz and Kievit. Let's hope the Joint Chiefs opt for a revolution that is much more cautious — and less disdainful of the Constitution.

Oklahoma City

(Cont. from first page) off a brief media firestorm. Other militia leaders backed away from the theory and demoted Olson and Southwell.

To our eyes, Skolnick's informant looks like a possible *dis*informant. Yet a disinformation campaign always has a hidden purpose, and sometimes a kernel of truth. So even if we don't accept the story, we should examine it.

In brief:

Skolnick interviewed a woman named Deborah Von Trapp, described as a "consultant in high-tech" and "an expert on espionage." Von Trapp reports that she worked with the following individuals [all spellings phonetic] "Robert Getzman (a CIA employee), Peter Stanley, a CIA employee named Wes Thomas out of New York, a DIA employee named Jim Colefield, who is a banking communications transfer software specialist out of Washington DC" This team, she avers, was paid by the Japanese government to spy electronically on the Clinton administration. She alleges that a secret service agent who cooperated with this effort was "made" and sent back to an office

in the OKC federal building, where he died in the bombing.

Although that bomb went off on April 19 in the US, in Japan the date was already April 20 — one month to the day after the deadly sarin gas attack in a Tokyo subway. Nearly all investigators believe this attack to be the work of the Aum Shinrikyo cult. But Von Trapp says otherwise: "My specific knowledge is that a military team [from America] produced that gas attack in retaliation for compromise of White House communications, which is a military responsibility." Playing tit-for-tat, the Japanese government set up the Oklahoma City bombing, contracting the job out to "a few individuals that are presently still active military in special operations out of a base in Alabama."

Just who *is* this Von Trapp, and why is she singing this unusual song? "I owned a consulting firm that was taken over by the FBI and CIA without any choice on my part because I had crossed Aldrich Ames and Daniel Starkey at Xerox early on in my career. And then they come back and try to take everything from me including my house. Then they threaten to kill myself and my child." Xerox, she says, sold high-tech equipment illegally to the Soviet Union; a court fight developed.

At which point her tale segues with dizzying speed to the Vince Foster case: "Robert Getzman called me the night Vince Foster died, excited, screaming over the phone: 'We did him, we did him!' I said: 'Did who?' And he said 'Vince Foster...we did him somewhere else but we dumped him in a queer park to send Clinton and his queer wife a message.'

Egads. Is any of this true?

A full analysis must wait for further facts, of course. But on first encounter, the idea of Clinton gas-bombing Tokyo civilians seems absurd. Even if we assume that Japanese spooks bugged Clinton (somewhat doubtful), and even if we assume Clinton to be capable of such a monstrous act as a sarin attack (*highly* doubtful), who in the military would perform the dirty deed? The current President is not widely beloved in the Armed Forces, particularly after the gays-in-the-military debacle. Clandestine warriors are conservative to the core, and certainly would feel no motivation to keep Clinton's secrets, especially a secret involving the deaths of innocents in Japan.

If the President sought to punish the Japanese government, why would he not simply *expose* the bugging scheme to the press? Furthermore, how could he hope to profit by such a risky retaliation? For the subway attack to function as revenge and as a warning, Clinton would have to inform the Japanese of his responsibility. This, in turn, would give Japan enormous leverage. Simply by making the President's responsibility known, the Tokyo government could insure his impeachment. What need, then, for Oklahoma City? Come to think of it, why would the Japanese hire an American military team for such a job? And why would serving American military men *take* such a job at Japanese behest?

The story just doesn't add up.

The confusing "revelations" concerning Ames, Foster, and Hillary Clinton seem similarly dubious. Indeed, Von Trapp's accusations resemble those wild right-wing tales now littering the Internet. (The *Sieg heil* crowd loves to post messages calling Hillary a lesbian.) Incidentally, Foster's body bled when lifted, indicating he died where he was found.

And yet, and yet...Von Trapp *did* name names. Maybe someone should investigate her partners to determine if any aspect of this tale holds water. If she's spreading a lie, did someone put her up to it?

Japanese-American groups found the Tokyo-did-it thesis highly insulting. The May 5-18 issue of *Pacific Citizen*, a publication of the Japanese American Citizens League, quoted this response from JACL leader Leigh-Ann Miyasato: "When minority groups become scapegoats in times of fear and anxiety, it is all too easy to whip up hysteria and even violence against them. We must speak out to prevent the irrational ravings of the lunatic fringe from infecting our society with racism and hostility." Nicely put — although we should quickly note that Sherman Skolnick is himself a member of a minority group, and in our estimation has no racist motivations.

When a reporter asked Olson for a comment on this matter, he replied: "Why are you bothering me? Can't you see that I'm trying to stop World War III?"

Bill's bomb?

Another widely-circulated theory comes from former FBI man Ted Gunderson, about whom we have mixed feelings. Gunderson has functioned helpfully in the Jeffrey MacDonald case and other matters, but a number of sources (including Gunderson's former live-in) report that he has sometimes proven questionable in his methodology, assumptions, and associations. Unfortunately, his reconstruction of the OKC crime appears in the May 15 issue of the anti-Semitic *Spotlight*, published by Willis Carto, the Liberty Lobby founder long associated with pro-Nazi causes. (The same issue features an article praising the French fascist Jean-Marie Le Pen.)

As they say on the net, FWIW:

Gunderson claims that a "bomb expert," whom he refuses to name, has identified the OKC explosive as an "electrohydrodynamic gaseous fuel device." Timothy McVeigh and Co. could not, by themselves, have constructed such a top secret "A-neutronic"-type device, the details of which are accessible only to those holding a Q clearance. The bomb is fairly compact — just "64 ounces or more of ammonium nitrate" wrapped around some aluminum silicate, which in turn is wrapped around an explosive called PETN. The resultant explosion creates a fuel cloud "energized with a high potential electrostatic field." This electrically-charged cloud

is ignited by a secondary explosion, set off by a substance called PDTN. (PETN and PDTN are two separate explosives.)

Interestingly — and perhaps favoring Gunderson's claim — a *USA Today* story (April 28) reports that McVeigh had PDTN traces on his shirt. Yet even if we could prove the presence of an "A-neutronic" device, we needn't leap (as many far-rightists do) to the conclusion that Bill Clinton planned the bombing as a Reichstag-style incident. Gunderson's theory indicates only that the OKC bombers had help from someone in the military, a not-implausible notion.

Gunderson has set great store by the popular "two explosions" scenario. The double blast was confirmed, he insists, by seismic records obtained from the Oklahoma Geological Survey at the University of Oklahoma. But the explosion was felt and heard over a wide area by thousands of people; why did no witnesses describe two detonations? (As we shall see, amateurs have grossly misinterpreted the seismographic data.)

Ultimately, Gunderson wants us to accept mere assertion in a case requiring proof. Why can't he identify his source? No responsible journalist will ever buy into such an unusual theory based solely on the word of an unnamed "expert" quoted second-hand in a racist periodical. Better evidence may one day validate all or some of Gunderson's hypothesis; until then, we highly advise a "wait and see" attitude.

Two bombs or one?

In order to uncover the truth behind the "two bombs" theory, we spoke to Dr. Charles Mankin, Director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey at the University of Oklahoma. Recently, a sloppy news reporter misquoted him as giving a thumbs-up to the notion of a second bomb. The facts are different.

There were indeed two extremely similar events recorded on the OGS seismograph — *ten seconds apart.*

Microchip Implants

"Relax...it's all in your mind..."

Accused Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh insists that the military placed an implant in his buttocks during his service in the Gulf War. According to McVeigh, the computer chip's purpose was to allow the military to track his movements. (The chip's location gives the term *downloading* new meaning.)

The mass media tend to poke fun at this assertion. Is McVeigh's "implant" merely an artifact of his own psychopathology? Perhaps. But if you consider the notion of a sub-dermal microchip too fantastic to take seriously, you simply haven't done any reading on the subject.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* of April 27, 1995 reports that the City Council of Novato, California has decreed that all pet cats within city limits must have identifying microchips implanted between the shoulder blades. The Orwellian operation can be done quickly, cheaply, and painlessly.

If the authorities can implant tabby, why not Timmy?

Brain implant experimentation on human subjects has a lengthy history, as is known to anyone familiar with Dr. Jose Delgado's classic 1969 work *Physical Control of the Mind*, which details his work in the 1950s. Delgado, funded by the CIA, used brain implants to transmit voice messages directly to the subject, thereby reproducing artificially one of the classic symptoms of schizophrenia (i.e., "voices in the head.") Similar experiments were carried out by Dr. Vernon H. Mark, author of *Violence In the Brain*.

The book and film *The Terminal Man* give a lightly-fictionalized account of Mark's disastrous intracerebral electrode implantation of a psychologically-troubled scientist named Leonard Kille, who worked for the CIA-linked Polaroid corporation. (*The Terminal Man* was written by Michael Crichton, who later created *Jurassic Park*; he was once Dr. Mark's student.) Kille allegedly had become violence-prone, a condition which certain scientists have long considered correctable by surgery and direct stimulation of selected brain centers. In the scientific literature, Mark portrayed his work with Kille as successful, when in fact psychosurgery worsened the subject's condition.

The Mark/Kille affair took place decades ago, and required all the means and methods of full neurosurgical intervention — e.g., shaving the head, reflection of the scalp, the use of stereotaxic instruments, and so forth. How far has this technology progressed? Can direct intervention in the brain's processes be accomplished covertly?

Many believe that the answer is *yes*.

Consider, for example, the case of Brian Wronge, as reported by writer Maitefa Angaza in the Brooklyn *City Sun* of December 15-21, 1993. Wronge, in his mid-30s, is a black Guyanese native arrested in 1979 for armed robbery of a Brooklyn disco, a crime he claims he did not commit. At Elmira Correctional Facility he achieved a college degree, showing a particular aptitude for science. Transferred to Fishkill Correctional Facility, Wronge — previously in excellent health — experienced a mysterious breathing difficulty. A doctor convinced him to undergo a bronchoscopy. Although this procedure usually requires only a local anesthetic, Wronge was "knocked out completely." After awakening, he experienced a number of physical disturbances, such as dizziness, nausea, headaches, insomnia, short-term memory loss, and an unusual discomfort at the back of the throat.

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The origin of the second seismic record remains a mystery, which has attracted the attention of top scientists around the world. Unfortunately, those scientists aren't the ones leading the public discussion of this matter. "A lot of people who are not seismologists automatically assume that the second event was a second bomb blast," says Mankin, who argues persuasively that it ain't necessarily so.

"Ten seconds is a long time," he points out. "If you just imagine an event occurring, then counting to ten slowly, and then imagine a second event as startling as the first..." Obviously, eye- and ear-witnesses to such a sequence would report *two* detonations, yet all witnesses describe a single event. The ten-second delay undercuts Gunderson's thesis, in which one bomb sets off another: How could the secondary charge survive the initial blast for the required length of time?

Unfortunately, the OGS picked up the signal on less-than-ideal equipment. "The reason that seismometer's set up is mostly for demonstration, just to show people what earthquakes look like. It's a very simple vertical seismometer, and it doesn't readily pick up a lot of the information we need for a thorough analysis." Since no p or s wave arrivals were recorded, geologists can't easily locate the source of either the first or second signal.

Some have speculated that the second recording was caused by the explosion's air blast, but according to Mankin, "The timing's all wrong. A sound wave like a sonic boom travels at about 1100 feet per second under standard atmospheric conditions, and that would be far too quick." Again, the problem is the ten-second delay between the events.

Did falling debris cause the second seismic event? To test this theory, the Oklahoma Geological Survey extensively studied recordings made during the building's demolition a month later. Definitive interpretations of the data are not yet in, but so far Mankin leans against the notion that debris caused the second signal.

That signal remains genuinely anomalous because it so closely resembles the first: "We've digitized these two signals and laid one on top of the other. They're not identical, but they're really close together." Clearly, the second recording is related to the first in some fashion — but how?

"There's a possibility that it was a channel path we picked up — in effect, a reflection. If you go out and throw a rock into a still pond, you see the waves emanating out from the source. That's exactly what you'd see if you could see waves of energy traveling through the earth. When they hit something that interferes, the waves bounce back. It may be like that... There are a lot of heat layers where a reflection or refraction may have occurred. We're trying to examine that to see if the timing is reasonable."

But what *exactly* caused this interference, and why did the reflected waves so closely duplicate the original pattern? That's the puzzler which some of the world's best geologists are trying to unravel. "Right now I don't have a satisfactory scientific explanation for the second event," says Mankin, "but I've got a lot of very good people working on it."

In the meantime, we still have a mystery. What we *don't* have is seismographic proof of a second bomb.

An Iraqi connection?

Perhaps the most intriguing and unsettling allegations aired on television station KFOR, an NBC affiliate in Oklahoma City.

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IMPLANTS

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Shortly thereafter, he began to hear mechanical voices in his head. Back at Elmira, he served as an inmate liaison, a position which allowed him access to inmate grievance files. Wronge discovered that many of those grievances concerned symptoms similar to his own, such as unusual pain in the ears and at the back of the throat.

Upon release, Wronge consulted Dr. Albert Duncan, who performed an MRI scan on May 6, 1991. This examination revealed "the presence of a paramagnetic foreign body artifact noted in the region of the left anterior chest wall at the level of the axilla." Three weeks later, Dr. Jayesh Kadmar performed another MRI-CT scan at a Manhattan clinic called Diagnostic Imaging Associates. This scan proved the presence of "dense rectangular shaped metal foreign objects" in the ear canals. Others who have examined Wronge claim that the computer chip in his ear canal can be seen with the naked eye.

One physician (unnamed in the *City Sun* story) described the object as "a prosthetic material, which appeared both metallic and translucent. When the light hit it you could see spots of pink and other faint colors. It was a round, shiny little thing embedded in the membrane of his eardrum..." The doctor opined that such a device could not only transmit voices directly to the inner ear, but could allow a clandestine operator to "hear" what Wronge heard.

The physician examining Wronge could not verify the existence of another implant at the back of the Wronge's throat. The doctor noted that "the larynx is a tube that opens and closes depending on pitch. I suspect they can open the membrane and insert a chip right there, where the voice box is located." Thoughts, according to this physician, are often subvocalized at a very high-pitched frequency; thus, such an implant could allow an outside operator to accomplish a form of electronic ESP.

In short: Microchip implants are certainly "do-able." Anyone who consigns Tim McVeigh's claim to the realm of science fiction simply hasn't kept up with science fact.

The CIA and Guatemala: Who Killed Journalist Anson Ng?

A few months back, Congressman Robert Torricelli (D-NJ), a member of the House Intelligence Committee, revealed that Julio Roberto Alpirez, a Guatemalan Colonel on the CIA payroll, may have been responsible for the death of an innocent US citizen and a populist Guatemalan leader. Torricelli took a lot of right-wing heat for courageously violating his secrecy oath. (According to former CIA agent David MacMichael, the Congressman's courage was stoked by his girlfriend, human rights activist Bianca Jagger.) Naturally, the Clinton administration received its usual egg facial: They had known about the Colonel's involvement for quite some time, but refused to tell the truth to relatives of the victims.

One of those victims, American innkeeper Michael Devine, appears to have had no connections to politics or criminal activity. Investigators have speculated that his June 1990 murder occurred after he stumbled across the Guatemalan military's involvement with drugs or other contraband. When the American embassy looked into the killing, the CIA refused to disclose its ties to suspected murderer Alpirez.

After breaking the story, Torricelli received an anonymous letter on NSA stationery describing further aspects of the case. The letter charged that the CIA and DOD knew about the murders when they occurred, and that Green Berets were providing information to Alpirez. Moreover, the nameless informant fingered Col. Daniel Day, an Army intelligence officer assigned to NSA, as the key individual involved with covering up Alpirez' links to military intelligence. In an AP story (Ap. 26, '95), Day angrily denied this charge.

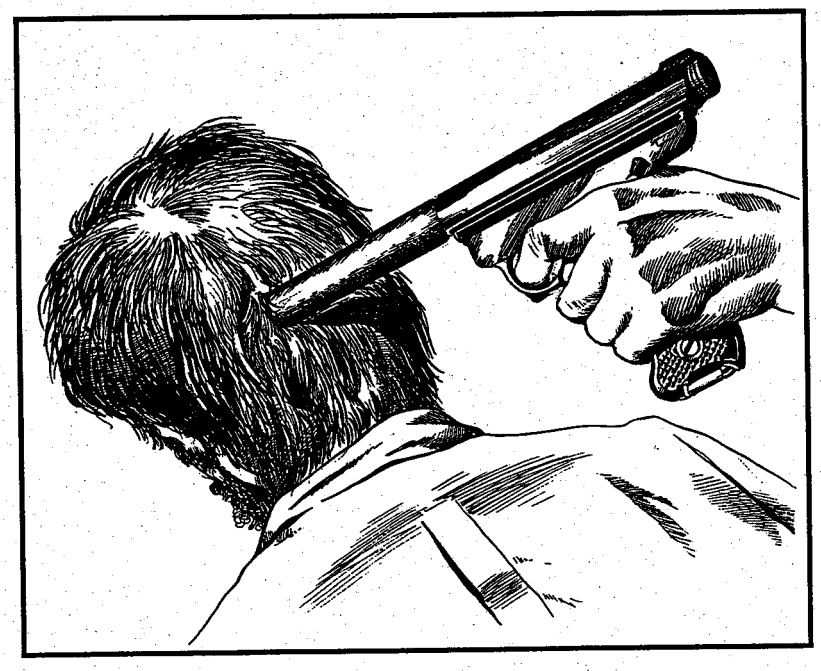
The Clinton administration has launched an investigation of the CIA's activities in Guatemala. The question remains: Will the investigators look into *all* suspicious deaths with intelligence links? Specifically, will the Clinton administration finally tell us *who murdered journalist Anson Ng?*

Ng, a stringer for the *Financial Times* of London, was investigating what he called "a big story" involving BCCI activity in Guatemala. Part of that story involved the Guatemalan president's purchase of American-made helicopters, despite a US ban on weapons sales to that tyrannical government. In June of 1991, unknown assailants invaded Ng's apartment and shot him in the head with a silencer-equipped weapon.

Freelance journalist Virginia McCullough summarized the situation in a letter (written on April 5, 1995) to an editor of *US News and World Report*:

"During the past several days CNN and the print media have devoted many television hours and many printed pages to coverage of CIA-financed assets and their murderous conduct in Guatemala. This news coverage detailed every atrocity involving Americans and reporters going back over a period of ten years. What is interesting is that never once has there been any mention of murdered reporter Anson Ng.

"It is particularly puzzling in light of the fact that American citizens and watch dog groups would have had no knowledge that such a murder took place had it not been for United States Senator Alan Cranston... On or about August 8, 1991, just days before the murder of journalist Danny Casolaro in Martinsburg, West Virginia, Senator Cranston conducted a press conference during a Senate Foreign Rela-



tions Subcommittee Hearing. The Senator from California released a statement which read in part:

> "'Although officials in Guatemala have sought to characterize Ng's assassination as the work of common criminals, the murder seems to be the work of professional hitmen. Suspicion in journalism circles in Guatemala is that Ng's murder was related to his probe into arms trafficking allegedly carried out by BCCI in collusion with top leaders of the Guatemalan military.
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> "'A set of documents were stolen from Ng's desk and Guatemalan authorities have impounded a set of computer disks that the journalist used for his work...'"

McCullough goes on to add a few additional details which may tie the Ng case to the stories investigated by Danny Casolaro: "I have personal knowledge that Anson Ng was also going to Guatemala City to interview the bag man for the CIA-sponsored hit of Cabazon Indian Fred Alvarez and two other people in Rancho Mirage, California, on or about June 30, 1981..." This bag man had blamed the Alvarez murder on the CIA and their front man at the Cabazon Indian reservation, which functioned as a base for covert arms manufacture during the 1980s.

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Before we leave Guatemala, a couple of further points:

The current scandal sparked a column by William Safire in which he defended the CIA's past covert operations. Safire cited "the coup in 1954 that threw out Arbenz in Guatemala" as an example of the CIA helping "stop the spread of Castro's Communism in our neighborhood... US policy was the opposite of imperialism."

Safire's view of history is the opposite of sane. Castro held no power in 1954, and the *democratically elected* Arbenz was *not* a communist. His "crime" was nationalizing (with recompense) assets owned by the United Fruit Corporation, in which the Dulles brothers held stock. Ever since, the CIA has been running that sad nation as though it were a slaughterhouse. If that's not imperialism, what is?

As for CIA-asset Alpirez: He learned his stock-in-trade at the Army School of the Americas (in Fort Benning, GA), which also trained Haitian butcher Raoul Cedras, Bolivian butcher Hugo Banzer, and Salvadoran butcher Roberto D'Aubuisson. Major Gordon Martel, a spokesman for the school, has defended his institution: "Out of 59,000 students who have graduated from a variety of programs, less than 300 have been cited for human rights violations like torture and murder, and less than 50 have been convicted of anything."

How, er, *impressive*. One can't help but recall that old *Monty Python* sketch: "And when I say there is NO cannibalism in the modern British navy, I mean — well, there is *some*, but it's under control."

BRIEFLY...

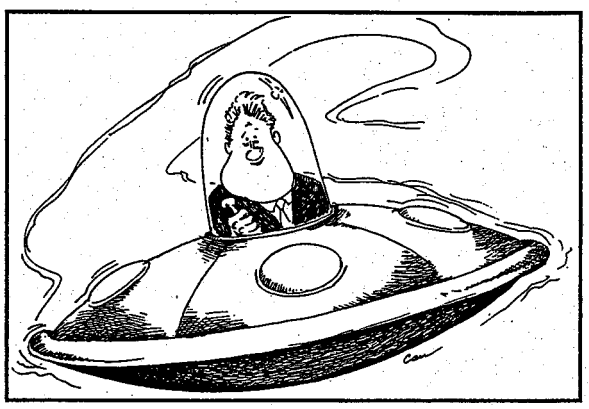
Pamela Harriman vs. the Flying Saucers.

Remember Pamela Harriman, the wealthy mover-and-shaker within Democratic party circles who kick-started Bill Clinton's presidential ambitions? She's now the ambassador to France. She also has a surprising interest in what the French call *les Ovnis* — i.e., UFOs.

Harriman and two other well-connected ladies have formed a rather secretive group known only by the initials BSW, partially funded by Laurence Rockefeller. Harriman and co. have taken under their collective wing UFO researcher Steven Greer, an emergency room physician who asserts that he has contacted off-worlders on a number of occasions. Greer leads bands of hardy sky-watchers into remote locales, where they meditate and flash lights into the night sky. Purportedly, these signals have evinced responses from spacecraft, which have appeared, landed, and even disgorged crew members.

According to our sources, Greer's connections with Harriman have opened many a door — to the Pentagon, to the White House, and points beyond. He even claims to have had a lengthy meeting with former DCI James Woolsey, although we've been given no details as to what the two discussed.

What has Greer learned from his high-level government contacts? And what have they learned from *him*? We'll let you know as the story unfolds. Suffice it to say, this matter may develop into the most astounding "government leak" of all time — or it may devolve into yet another major embarrassment for the Democrats.



Uh oh, Canada!

Some progressives in the United States find comfort in the notion that they can always go north if the country goes too far to the right. Alas, our north-of-the border friends have their own problems with racists and runamuck military men.

Earlier this year, Canadians were appalled by a scandal that has received surprisingly scant attention on this side of the border. While on duty in Somalia, members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment tortured and murdered a youth named Shidane Arone. The resultant controversy widened on January 15 of this year, when a videotape aired on Canadian television depicting members of the regiment making numerous racist threats against innocent Somali civilians. For example, the tape showed soldiers complaining that they had not "killed enough niggers yet."

Another video, aired on January 18, exposed the regiment's brutal hazing rites at Petawawa air force base in Ontario. The tape included scenes of soldiers defecating on each other; new recruits were forced to drink urine, and to eat vomit and excrement. A black recruit was leashed and forced to walk on all fours while displaying the words "I love the KKK" on his back. Officers were present during these dehumanizing ceremonies.

As a result of the scandal, the regiment was disbanded and the soldiers reassigned to other units. Accusations of cover-up have been leveled at both governmental and military leaders. Major General Brian Vernon, once the army's chief commander in Ontario, was removed from his post. Michael Gauthier, a dissident member of Parliament, labeled Vernon a scapegoat, and hinted that the affair runs much deeper than has been heretofore revealed.

Of course, the situation *could* be worse. In this country, the regimental leaders would probably become talk radio hosts.

Blinding lasers — and Waco?

Battlefield use of laser weapons has come of age, according to a Human Rights Watch report (written by William M. Arkin) titled "US Blinding Laser Weapons." Military contractors have developed ten new laser weapons systems, about which little is known. One of these weapons, the Laser Countermeasure System, is designed to burn the retinas of any enemy soldiers who may be surveilling a battlefield with binoculars, gunsights, and similar devices.

War is a grim business, of course. But many feel that blinding laser devices are, like bio-weapons, outside the realm of acceptability. Sweden and the Red Cross are seeking to ban such weapons under the United Nations Conventional Weapons Convention. President Clinton, however, has opposed these efforts, offering the rather

OKC theories (Cont. from page 6)

KFOR's Jana Davis and Brad Edwards, aided by an as-yet unnamed private investigator, identified the infamous John Doe #2 as an Iraqi national, "formerly a member of Saddam Hussein's army," now residing in Oklahoma City.

A source at KFOR gave us no details as to how the newscasters managed to identify their Doe. (A side note: Authorities now claim that they have traced the "Doe" seen with McVeigh at the Ryder agency; federal investigators report that no evidence links this man to the crime or to KFOR's "Doe" claimant.) The private investigator, speaking on Art Bell's nationally-syndicated radio program, maintains that he made the identification on April 24, "and we stumbled on to him in a kind of ironic way." Since that time, the news team has surveilled and covertly videotaped the man they believe to be an un-captured conspirator: "We started seeing this gentleman's activities, or lack of daily activities." Apparently, the KFOR "Doe" resembles the widely-distributed composite sketch, and even has a tattoo on the upper left arm.

The KFOR team then interviewed several other witnesses who, we are told, previously gave information to the FBI. One witness had been at the scene of the bombing and saw a man who resembled the sketch of John Doe #2 speeding away in a brown Chevy pick-up truck. Another witness had seen John Doe #2 and Tim McVeigh in a bar. These witnesses reviewed a photographic line-up and identified the look-alike as the man they saw. The private investigator insists that the KFOR team took their tapes and other findings to the FBI, and asked if federal investigators had any information which would rule out this line of inquiry. The FBI said nothing, and the story went on the air — substantially boosting the station's ratings.

When we contacted the FBI, a Bureau spokesman would not comment on the KFOR report, other than to say they have kept track of everything the newscasters were doing. When pressed as to whether the story had any possible validity, the FBI spokesman said "I'd drop it." A source at the Oklahoma City Attorney General's office was similarly tight-lipped, although he too seemed dubious of the televised report. According to this source, KFOR has broadcast questionable details in the past — for example, the station once reported that Tim McVeigh was spotted in the Ryder truck a week before he actually rented it.

So far, the major news organizations have hesitated to pick up on the possible "Iraqi" angle. This caution is understandable: The mass media came under heavy fire after initial news reports indicated — with little supporting evidence — that Middle Eastern terrorists had perpetrated the bombing.

Still, the KFOR report has raised serious questions: How credible are the eyewitnesses? What connection (if any) exists between the man seen speeding away from the bomb site in a brown truck, and the initial news reports of *two* individuals from the Middle East driving off in a similar truck? How, exactly, did KFOR's private investigator trace the look-alike? Can members of Saddam Hussein's military easily take up residence in this country? Is it really possible that Gulf War vet McVeigh teamed up with an Iraqi national? Why were the FBI and the US Attorney General's office so discouraging to us, and not to KFOR?

The April 20 explosion has — metaphorically speaking — gouged the heartland with a crater shaped like a gigantic question mark. Only further facts can fill that cavity.

specious reasoning that any attempt to limit blinding laser weapons could also affect laser guidance systems.

A curious connection: According to a video documentary titled *The Waco Incident*, much of this highly-advanced laser research is being conducted at the Texas State Technical College at Waco, Texas. The video reports that the college, formerly an Air Force Base, receives a tremendous amount of funding from the Department of Defense and US intelligence agencies; much of the research remains secret for reasons of national security. During the 1992 Branch Davidian siege at Waco, this very same college served as the main operations center for the FBI, ATF, and other federal agencies. As author Clifford Linedecker noted: "Some students and faculty joked that with all the police officers around, Texas State Tech boasted the safest campus in the world."

Since Waco has already engendered far too much wild-n-woolly speculation, we should quickly note that no evidence (so far) links the college's classified defense work to any aspect of the Branch Davidian tragedy. Nevertheless, responsible re-investigators of the Waco incident may want to keep one eye on Texas State Technical College. Just make sure nobody's pointing a laser beam at that eye!

"Lo, I am with you always"

The aforementioned documentary, *The Waco Incident*, lists none other than Gordon Novel among the production's advisors. If you have closely followed the literature on the JFK assassination and the Garrison investigation, you may have encountered Novel's name. Likewise if you have studied the Bay of Pigs. Or Watergate. Or UFOs. Or the lives of Charles Colson, J. Edgar Hoover, Lyndon LaRouche, Mitch WerBell, John Delorean, Larry Flynt, Vicky Morgan, and psi-scientist Harold Puthoff. Novel has, in the fairly recent past, denied any connection with the CIA — yet, back in 1975, he told writer Robert Sam Anson that he would soon be named Director of Central Intelligence.

Mind you, we're not saying that Novel has ever been involved with *any* unsavory enterprises. We have no reason to believe that he is anything but an honest, civic-minded American who presumably spends his free time finding homes for stray cats and buying ice cream cones for underprivileged youngsters. And yet, for some reason, his name keeps cropping up in the *oddest* places. Does Novel's interest in Waco have any connection to ATF involvement in his late-70's conviction on (probably fraudulent) arson charges? (Ironically, he received legal advice on that matter from an old opponent: Jim Garrison.)

Viguerie parties down

You must recall Richard Viguerie, the arch-conservative mastermind of the hate-mail campaigns that ushered in the Reagan era. One would have expected him to remain a die-hard Republican. Now, however, the kingpin of postal scare-mongering has joined the National Committee of a much newer political party: the US Taxpayers Party, which boasts an alarmingly fascistic program and membership. Bigwigs within the USTP include the openly anti-Semitic David Shedlock, Christian Reconstructionist leader George Grant, Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry, and the "Reverend" Michael Bray, who (like a number of other USTP members) advocates killing abortion doctors. Jeffrey Baker, Florida chair of the USTP, considers the "Star of David" a symbol of the conspiracy which he believes is poised to overtake America.

Viguerie first forged links with the ultra-conservative movement in 1962, when he joined the Young Americans for Freedom, a far-right force which has interlinked its efforts with the nazified World Anti-Communist League. Prominent YAFfers have included Tom Charles Huston (notorious author of the Nixon administration's plan for putting democracy on hold), Edward Hunter (CIA media asset who led the "brainwashing" scare of the 1950s), and Major General Charles Willoughby (Douglas MacArthur's chief of intelligence, who aided Japanese war criminals). More recent membership rosters have listed Robert Dornan, Orrin Hatch, and Jesse Helms (who, oddly enough, fell out with Viguerie).

Viguerie's discontent with the Republican mainstream goes back to his efforts on behalf of George Wallace's racist 1968 campaign. In 1976, the reactionary elite's favorite mailman tried to run for vice-president on the American Independent Party ticket; the AIP convention chose hate-monger Lester Maddox instead. In 1983, Viguerie bitterly attacked Ronald Reagan for running an overly *liberal* administration. Interestingly, Viguerie's heroes have always been the "two Macs": Senator Joseph McCarthy — who first came to national prominence defending the Nazis responsible for the Malmedy massacre — and General Douglas MacArthur, whose W.W.II staff harbored many an ultra-reactionary with a grudge against democracy.

"Labour *made* me do smack!"

A deliciously ironic report in *The Times* of London (April 29) exposes a famed, arch-conservative medical man who seems to have taken a "hypocritic" oath. Dr. Clive Froggart, a Tory bigwig who played a leading role in Thatcher's attempt to undermine Britain's national health care system, now admits that he has long been a coke-head and a junkie. He acquired pharmaceutical-grade heroin and cocaine using the names of his patients. (Medical heroin is legal in the UK, though it is usually used to comfort the dying.) Drug squad officers noted that a chemist's shop in Cheltenham had received an unusually large number of prescriptions for one of Froggart's patients; subsequent investigation led to the doctor's arrest and conviction.

In a puling attempt to justify himself, Froggart claimed

he was driven to drugs by a "hate campaign" mounted by political opponents. Keep that statement in mind next time you hear a right-wing propagandist insist that the poor must "take responsibility" for their lives.

Dr. John Marks, former head of the British Medical Association, has described Froggart as "a Tory first and foremost." Well said! The Froggart case may be the most blatant example of rightist hypocrisy since American Senator Joseph McCarthy — who (as Brian Fremantle notes in *The Fix*) was a morphine addict. And who was his supplier? None other than Harry J. Anslinger, the government's "top cop" on drug matters back in the 1950s.

DNA libraries

How's *this* for government intrusiveness in the name of public security? Police in Cardiff, Wales, have acquired DNA samples from over 150 people in an attempt to solve the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl. The authorities intend to obtain samples from every post-pubescent male living near the crime scene. But that's just the start. The British government has announced plans to compile the world's first DNA database: New laws will compel millions of Britons to give samples of their genetic code.

Nobody seems to be complaining about this system's possible infringements on privacy and personal freedoms. Police malfeasance *has* happened in the past, as all viewers of the documentary *The Thin Blue Line* can attest. A DNA databank makes a police frame-up much easier to accomplish, and much more difficult to expose.

The Aspin omission

According to published reports, 56-year-old former Congressman and Defense Secretary Les Aspin suffered from poor health and a heart condition — hence, no-one has cast a suspicious eye on his recent passing. We can only wonder how Aspin's death may affect the findings of the Aspin Commission, which is looking into intelligence reform. Alas, that Commission is now largely in the hands of highly conservative lawmakers, such as John W. Warner and Robert K. Dornan. Their report is due next year, and don't be surprised if they "reform" the spy shops by throwing money at 'em.

Beat the Rush

Last month, Congress passed a resolution honoring Rush Limbaugh for "exposing the foibles of political correctness (and) other peculiar doctrines held dear by radical fringe wacko elitist nutcakes." Apparently, Newt's Congress has embraced Limbaugh's stormtrooper argot.

Let's face it — the dittoheads have become a cult, not unlike the Moonies. For proof, just skim the frightening book *Rush to Us*, which details (sympathetically!) the growth of Rush Rooms, where fanatic followers go for their daily Limbaughtomy. Get this: The Generalissimo tells his devotees *not* to read newspapers. Leave all that laborious reading and analysis to the Appointed One; adherents need only yell "Ditto!"

Even L. Ron Hubbard didn't have *that* kind of chutzpah.

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Fortunately, the deprogrammers have arrived. Steven Rendall, Jim Naureckas, and Jeff Cohen — of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting — have produced *The Way Things Aren't: Rush Limbaugh's Reign of Error*. (New York: The New Press, $6.95.) It's fun, it's inexpensive, and it's the book of the year, boasting terrific graphics (with a touch of Terry Gilliam), Mencken-quality wit, and devastating facts. Limbaugh emerges as the most impudent deceiver since Adolf. For years, "the Lyin' King" has operated under the presumption that he could call a fish a firetruck *and get away with it*. Let's hope his free ride ends now.

The authors missed some of my favorite Rushes to misjudgment — am I the only one who heard Limbaugh decry the *Wall Street Journal* as a "liberal newspaper"? — but they've uncovered enough howlers to keep you giggling and gritting your teeth for days. I especially enjoyed the list of occasions when Rush denounced our deadly enemies in "the Soviet Union" — *in 1994*. Much grimmer are Limbaugh's racist comments, such as the time he told a black caller to "take that bone out of your nose."

This is the best expose of its kind since 1939's classic *The Fine Art of Propaganda: A Study of Father Coughlin's Speeches*, by the Institute for Propaganda Analysis. You really ought to read the two books back-to-back in order to comprehend how little we've progressed in 56 years. In a sense, though, comparing Coughlin to Limbaugh isn't fair to Coughlin. True, the not-so-good Father *was* a monster, a bigot, and a Third Reich flack. But even he didn't tally up *quite* so many outright lies as Limbaugh has — if only because Coughlin was on the air just once a week.

I'd say "three cheers for the FAIRfolk," except three aren't nearly enough. *Get this book*, even if you're down to your last ten dollars — hey, you'll still have enough left over for a burrito. If this volume succeeds, maybe we can talk FAIR into publishing annual sequels. Lord knows there's enough material... ⊂

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